

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Columbia, South Carolina

July 11, 2001

The State Board of Education held its July meeting at ten o'clock, Wednesday morning, July 11, 2001, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. Greg Killian, Chair; Mr. Spratt White, Chair-Elect; Mr. Carlos A. Cervantes; Mrs. Queen A. Davis; Mr. Clarence Dickert; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Dr. Mary E. Jones; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Frances P. Lewis; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. James Mattos; Mrs. Gail Moss; Mr. Robert E. Scarborough; Mr. Chris Verenes; and Mr. Jim White. Also present were State Superintendent of Education Inez Moore Tenenbaum, Secretary and Administrative Officer of the Board, and other staff of the State Department of Education. *(Board members unable to attend were Mr. Thomas C. Ewart and Mr. James C. McRae who were excused for their absence.)*

INVOCATION

Mr. Jim White delivered the invocation prior to the July 11, 2001, meeting of the State Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2001

Mr. Clarence Dickert moved for the approval of the minutes of the June 13, 2001, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Frances Lewis and then approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Mr. Marion Lee moved for the approval of the agenda with the removal of Item 52-04 from the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Queen Davis and approved by the Board.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Killian welcomed the visitors present.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

RECOGNITION OF 2001 STATE FINALISTS AND THE 2000 AWARDEES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING PROGRAM

Chair Killian recognized the following winners of Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Program:

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- Elementary Mathematics 2001 State Finalist–Sarah H. Pullie, Latta Elementary School, Dillon School District Three
- Elementary Science 2001 State Finalists–Melissa Klosterman, Pontiac Elementary School, Richland School District Two; Kathy Miller, Oakview Elementary School, Greenville County School District; and Orbie Smith, North Myrtle Beach Elementary School, Horry County School District
- Middle/Secondary Mathematics 2001 State Finalists–Kathy O. Ewing, Richland Northeast High School, Richland School District Two; and William B. Gillam, Richland Northeast, Ridge View, and Spring Valley High Schools, Richland School District Two
- Middle Secondary Science 2001 State Finalists–Ginger Foley, Richland Northeast High School, Richland School District Two; Steven Eisle, Lexington High School, Lexington School District One; and Henry Michael Mack, Clinton High School, Laurens School District 56
- Elementary Mathematics 2000 National Awardee–JoLynn Vandervort Mellis, College Park Elementary School, Berkeley County School District
- Elementary Science 2000 National Awardee–Karey M. Santos, Millbrook Elementary School, Aiken County School District
- Middle/Secondary Mathematics 2000 National Awardee–Kay Lancaster Creamer, Chester Middle School, Chester County School District
- Middle/Secondary Science 2000 National Awardee–Leslie Sanford, Northside Middle School, Greenwood County School District 50

The State Finalists were given an engraved obelisk and the National Awardees received an engraved marble paperweight with a glass apple for their accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Chair Killian recognized the National High School Physical Education Educator of the Year, Pat Hewitt, Hartsville High School, Darlington County School District. This award is sponsored by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education and Sportstime, a company that specializes in equipment and services for physical educators. Mrs. Hewitt attended Hartsville High School and has taught there for thirty-two years.

Chair Killian presented an engraved marble paperweight with a glass apple for her achievement.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public speakers for this meeting.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Gail Moss moved that the Consent Agenda be approved with the removal of Item 52-04. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marion Lee and approved by the Board. The following items were approved by the Board without further debate:

56-03 The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendations for Timeline for Specialty Program Rejoinder Process (Second Reading)

56-04. Approval of ADEPT Plans for School Districts in Accordance with Regulation 43-205.1: Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Professional Teaching (ADEPT)

55-03 Approval of Interim Operational Guidelines for the Flexibility Through Deregulation Program for the 2001-02 School Year (First Reading)

55-04 Report of Review Panel Recommendation for Instructional Materials Requested by School Districts

54-03. Approval of Waivers for Thirteen School Districts from EIA Maintenance of Local Effort Requirement for FY 1999-2000

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Marion B. Lee, Chair
Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee

Mrs. Frances Lewis, Chair
Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee

Mr. James G. Mattos, Chair
Finance and Legislative Committee

Mrs. Queen A. Davis, Chair
Educational Policy Committee

56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee—Mr. Marion B. Lee reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (*TRTC*) met on Tuesday, July 10, 2001.

01. Approval of Agenda for July 10, 2001—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the July 10, 2001, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2001, TRTC Committee Meeting—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the June 12, 2001, meeting were approved.

Mr. Lee reported that the action items considered at this meeting were placed on the consent agenda.

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55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee—Mrs. Frances Lewis reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, July 10, 2001.

01. Approval of Agenda for July 10, 2001—Mrs. Lewis reported that the agenda for July 10, 2001, was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2001—Mrs. Lewis reported that the minutes of the June 12, 2001, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Mrs. Lewis reported that item 55-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

04. Report of Review Panel Recommendation for Instructional Materials Requested by School Districts—Mrs. Lewis reported that the State Department of Education received several requests from school districts to have instructional materials reviewed in the area of health and safety. The Instructional Materials Review Panel for Health and Safety has evaluated these materials and recommends the proposed materials for approval.

On behalf of the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, Mrs. Lewis moved that the State Board of Education approve the Report of Review Panel Recommendation for Instructional Materials Requested by School Districts.

Mr. Carlos Cervantes expressed his concerns regarding these materials and stated that he does not understand why students need this information about reproductive health at such an early age. He was also concerned that the video sounded like an infomercial by mentioning prices of contraceptives and gave the wrong impression by doing so.

The motion was approved by the Board with two opposing votes by Mr. Cervantes and Mrs. Kristin Maguire.

Mrs. Lewis reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **Catalyst: Setting the Standards for Student Learning through Library Media Centers**—Mrs. Lewis reported that this document was written as a guideline for schools and districts to use to improve and enhance their library media programs. There were some concerns about the Library Bill of Rights being included in the document and also it was suggested that the word "endorse" be removed from the recommendation to the State Board. A revised document will be drafted including suggestions made by Board members and will be resubmitted for the Board's review at a future State Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Dickert stated that the removal of the word "endorse" was for the present document and that did not mean that it would not be endorsed in the future.

54. Finance and Legislative Committee—Mr. James Mattos reported that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, July 10, 2001.

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01. Approval of Agenda for July 10, 2001—Mr. Mattos reported that the agenda for the July 10, 2001, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2001—Mr. Mattos reported that the minutes of the June 12, 2001, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Mattos reported that Item 54-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Mattos reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**

52. Educational Policy Committee—Chair Killian reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Tuesday, July 10, 2001.

01. Approval of Agenda for July 10, 2001—Chair Killian reported that the agenda for the July 10, 2001, meeting was approved as amended, removing the reports from the Committee Chairs since the Board members were all present at each meeting.

03. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of June 12, 2001—Chair Killian reported that the minutes for the June 12, 2001, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

04. Approval of Amendment to Code BBCDA, Criteria for Review of Fingerprint Examination of Applicants for Initial Teacher Certification (First Reading)

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Chair Killian moved that the State Board of Education approve the request for Approval of Amendment to Code BBCDA, Criteria for Review of Fingerprint Examination of Applicants for Initial Teacher Certification and waive second reading.

Chair-Elect Spratt White moved to amend the motion to include single felony incidents five years or older (excluding cases involving violence, drugs, or minors). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maguire and approved by the Board.

The original motion was then approved by the Board.

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TEACHER LICENSURE ISSUES

Chair Killian gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning teacher certification issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, July 10, 2001.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2001

Mrs. Queen Davis moved for the approval of the minutes of the July 10, 2001, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickert and approved by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Killian reviewed the proceedings for the Charter School Appeal.

PUBLIC HEARING - CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL

The State Board of Education held a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of an appeal concerning the Vision Academy Charter School application.

Cathy Dunn, Esquire, was given twenty-five (25) minutes to present information in opposition of the Richland County School District One Board's denial of a charter.

Charles Boykin, Esquire, was then given twenty-five (25) minutes to speak on behalf of the Richland County School District One Board's decision to deny the charter.

Mr. Richard Weldon, Vision Academy, was given five (5) minutes for a rebuttal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went in to Executive Session at 12:25 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The State Board of Education returned to open session at 2:15 p.m.

Mr. Marion Lee moved that the State Board of Education affirm Richland County School District One Board's decision to deny the charter. Mr. Clarence Dickert seconded the motion.

The motion was then approved by the Board with two opposing votes by Mr. Carlos Cervantes and Mr. Jim White.

Chair Killian stated that he, Chair-Elect Spratt White, and Mr. Marion Lee, will work with the Office of General Counsel on the final order of the Board and that the final order will be issued within twenty days. The order will be published on the State Department of Education website.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Robert Scarborough moved that the Board adjourn. Mr. John Hostetler seconded the motion. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

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